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Accidents.
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日五廿月一十一年十二月光 THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1896.

四月九號

英港正月九號

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

BANKS:

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,250,000
PAID-UP \$62,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3 1/2 "

" 3 " 2 1/2 "

DEPOSITS RENEWED on OLD TERMS.

J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [53]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$800,000
RESERVE FUND \$35,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of a per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [53]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$5,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

J. KRAMER, Esq.—Chairman.

A. MCCONACHIE, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq.

S. C. Michaelis, Esq.

G. B. Durdell, Esq.

D. R. Sisson, Esq.

M. D. Eckiel, Esq.

N. A. Sieba, Esq.

R. M. Gray, Esq.

R. Shewan, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.

per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1895. [51]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by

the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER

CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED

DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [52]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq.

H. Stoltzsch, Esq.

Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chau Kit Shar, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [57]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF DRAPERY, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1896,

at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,

WITHOUT RESERVE!!!

THE STOCK-IN-TRADE OF A DRAPERY
ESTABLISHMENT.

Comprising—

A LARGE VARIETY OF
LADIES' WINTER AND SUMMER DRESS
MATERIALS,

SEAL PLUSH JACKETS, MOIRE
AND SILK-SILKS, LINEN, NAINSOOK
AND VICTORIA LAWN, PLUSH, VELVETEEN,
CHILDREN'S WOOL POLKAS, WOOL
HOODS AND SHAWLS, &c., &c.

COTTON and LISLE THREAD HOSE,
SILK GLOVES and MITTS, KNITTING AND

FINGERING WOOL, STRAW and FELT
HATS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, SILK and

SATIN RIBBONS, GAUZE VESTS,

BUTTONS, TRIMMINGS and a quantity of
OTHER ARTICLES.

Also

A QUANTITY OF
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING,
Comprising—

TWEEDS & SERGES in SUIT LENGTHS,

LINEN COLLARS, FRONTS, SHIRTS,

SINGLET, COTTON and THREAD SOCKS,

LACE WINDOW CURTAINS and OTHER
GOODS.

On View from FRIDAY, the 10th January,

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

GEO. F. LAMMERT,

Advertiser.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1896. [51]

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

89, Queen's Road Central.
Sole Eastern Agents for
SPINCHTOR GRIP ARMoured HOSE.

THE NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING CO.

SNDOWN, SONS & CO. "SNOWDRIFT" MANF.

THE ALUMINIUM & GENERAL FOUNDRY CO.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., U.S.A.

Manufacturers of
ASBESTOS COMPOSITION for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES.

CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.

ASBESTOLINE—the most economical lubricant.

ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.

W. JACKSON, Manager. [50]



SPECIAL DAGGER PACKING
FOR HIGH PRESSURE, ROUND
OR SQUARE.

ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.

ASBESTOS SHEETS, MILLBOARDS, CANVAS, &c.

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W. JACKSON, Manager. [50]

Hongkong, 26th September, 1895.

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AT H.K. HOTEL

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PROSPECTUS
OF
OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES,
LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG 1865 TO 1891, BY WHICH THE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR SHARES.

GENERAL MANAGERS:
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

CAPITAL.....\$300,000

DIVIDED INTO 15,000 "A" OR VENDORS' SHARES AND 45,000 "B" OR ORDINARY SHARES OF \$1 EACH.

(OF WHICH 10,750 "A" SHARES AND 5,000 "B" SHARES HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED AND 1,250 "A" SHARES AND 2,500 "B" SHARES ARE NOW OFFERED FOR SUBSCRIPTION.)

Terms of Subscription for "B" Shares—\$1.00 per Share on application, \$1.50 per Share on allotment. The balance at call in instalments. Two months' notice to be given in respect of each instalment called up. Any person may apply for 1 "A" share for every 20 "B" shares applied for by him. The "A" shares are payable, \$1 on application and the balance, \$4, on allotment.

Application for Shares accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per Share must be sent in to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at its Head Office or at any of its branches on or before the 16th day of January, 1896.

For forms of application apply in Hongkong to JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON, General Managers, or to A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, at Canton, Foochow, and Shanghai.

The Company was formed to acquire and has purchased the Olivers 100 Acre Freehold and other properties adjacent thereto belonging to the Vendors, with the Machinery, Stamp, &c., thereon for the price of \$150,000, which has been paid and satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors on the Eastern boundary of Olivers Freehold for the price of \$35,000, which as to \$10,000 has been paid and satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 2,000 fully paid "A" or Vendors' shares and as to \$25,000 the balance is payable in cash.

All shares participate equally, up to 25 per cent, per annum yearly dividend on the amount paid up on each share, but all profits in excess are divided equally between the holders of "A" Shares and "B" Shares.

It is not contemplated at present to issue any more shares, but should it become desirable to develop the property on a larger scale the General Managers will propose to the Shareholders that the balance of shares, viz.: 15,000 "B" Shares or such part thereof as may be thought advisable be issued.

The following is the Report on the property made by Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS:

I arrived in Sydney on Saturday, the 13th July last, where I met by appointment Mr. CHARLES WILLMOTT, a mining expert from Victoria. Mr. WILLMOTT had been personally known to me since 1854; I have absolute confidence in his integrity, skill, and judgment. We left Sydney together on Tuesday, the 16th July, and arrived at Mount McDonald on the day following, and commenced our inspection the same afternoon. The Freehold consists of 100 acres of auriferous land in the form of a direct square, each side of which measures 2,087 ft. 6 in., or 695 yards, a foot, 6 inches.

The position is to the West of the Eureka Gold Mine, and extends at right angles from its own Eastern Boundary in a Western direction, across a creek or water course to the opposite range of hills, on the Northern slope of which the greater part of its area lies. The water course which runs through the Freehold divides two ranges of auriferous hills, and finally empties itself into the River Lachlan, about three miles to the South of the dam of the reservoir which supplies the battery belonging to the property, situated at Mount McDonald in the district of Carcoar in the province of Bathurst, New South Wales.

The Battery is to the West of the reservoir, and consequently on the Western side of the creek near the Southern boundary of the property, and its site was selected with excellent judgment as quartz can be carted to it or trammed to it not only from all parts of the Freehold itself but from all the workings in the neighbourhood at little cost. The Machine house, moreover, being close to its water supply, involves no waste of power in feeding the boilers.

The Water Supply consists of a reservoir formed by a dam across the creek, and is fed by a watershed of considerable extent embraced by the surrounding hills, and I was informed by men who had been working on the ground for years that the supply never failed in the driest season, from which I inferred that the rainfall is supplemented by subsoil drainage and springs. For fuel there is abundance of good timber in the vicinity.

The Machinery we found to be of the best description and comprises a first-class engine and two good boilers. There are 4 batteries of 5 head of stamps capable of crushing about 20 tons a day in all, as well as 3 pans, shaking tables, and all necessary machinery for extracting from the ore the greatest amount of gold it will pay to take out.

The inspection of the rest of the Freehold was greatly facilitated by the whole of the scrub having been cut down before we arrived, so the estate was laid bare and could be viewed from a convenient spot on the hill from end to end.

A party of Tributaries at work on the Freehold not far from the battery, was raising ore which yielded over 2 ozs. to the ton at each crushing. The men informed me that they discovered the reef on the surface in walking over the hill after rain, by observing gold in quartz at the bottom of a cart rut which had been washed clean by the water flowing through it.

The old workings are of the most primitive description, having evidently been made by alluvial miners unaccustomed to quartz. The reefs were worked from the surface down without timbering, until it became dangerous to go deeper. None of these workings were any depth, and the numerous heavy finds of gold were all found near the surface. That much of the quartz must have been very rich is certain, for it is said about 100 ozs. of gold a month were obtained by the owners of the battery at the time from recrushing and washing the tailings. One working not far from the battery yielded to oz. of gold to the ton, and £700 worth of gold was taken out of a hole a few feet deep just below the dam.

It is evident from examining the old workings which still exist that they were mined by men unaccustomed to cope with quartz mining difficulties. The world is of the crudest description, and it is evident that as soon as water was reached in sufficient quantity to require machinery, or because the earth began to fall in or become dangerous through being undermined, the mines were abandoned. This part of the district was, moreover, at the time infested by bands of desperate bushrangers who rendered residence there very undesirable. It was a long time before the Government was able to hunt them down, owing to the nature of the country.

Undoubtedly large deposits of gold, and probably exceptionally rich deposits, will be found when these reefs, which provide good on the surface, are worked to a depth by quartz mining experts under honest and experienced management, backed by sufficient capital. The ground is already探作, if it is well-known where the gold has been got near the surface, and it is only necessary to sink properly timbered shafts and get

below these old workings and work up. Some of these shafts will require pumping gear.

As far as I know, it has never been heard of that quartz reefs rich in gold near the surface failed to yield good results at a greater depth. Such reefs have been profitably worked on Bendigo and other places to a depth of close on 3,000 feet, and are still at work after 40 years. Given sufficient capital economically administered or expended, as it would be in any other business expected to pay, I am of opinion that better results will be obtained from the working of Olivers Freehold than are obtained by 99 out of 100 of the Gold Companies situated in London and elsewhere.

Eureka Mine lies on the Eastern boundary of Olivers Freehold and consists of several Gold Mining Estates lying between the Queen Mine on the North and the Great Eastern Mine on the South. It will be seen by reference to the map that to the South of the Great Eastern Mine three lots lying on either side of the creek which runs through the Freehold and discharges itself into the Lachlan River have been secured, thus giving to the Company a magnificent water supply.

The new shaft of the Eureka has been sunk to a depth of 85 feet. The old workings before the miners were flooded out yielded to a depth of 140 feet less than 1 oz. of Gold per ton, with occasional better results. This is recorded in the Government Reports.

It is in this mine that the Company's operations will commence by deepening the new shaft by about 120 feet. This shaft has been properly timbered as far as it goes and is surrounded by puppet holes in the vicinity of which is a machine house with necessary winding and pumping gear for clearing the mine from water. All were in good order and fit to commence work when inspected.

The further sinking of the shaft is not through difficult ground and the cost of labour and properly timbering will be only about £5 per foot.

Decided, sufficient tunnels will be driven to the North and South and the reef will be worked upwards, which is the most economical plan.

The amount of water to be dealt with of course increases the cost of mining and renders it impossible for ordinary working miners to develop such properties on their own account, but it is not disadvantageous for those having means in a country subject to drought.

One of the drawbacks to the development of mining in the district has been that there was no proper accommodation for miners of the better class with their wives and families, and it is proposed to build a few comfortable cottages to induce this class of men to settle on the property.

The operations of the Company will at first be limited to deepening the Eureka new shaft and driving tunnels through the reef. It is confidently anticipated that this mine being taken over in a working condition will pay expenses from an early date and within a short time win good results. A map of the mine is attached and also a map of New South Wales showing Railways and the direction of the reefs running through the property with the position marked of some of the principal mines.

Viz.—No. 1.—Ophir—where Gold was first discovered in Australia.
No. 2.—Lucknow—The Wentworth Proprietary Company, £500,000 Capital.
No. 3.—Mount McDonald—Olivers Freehold Mines including Eureka.
No. 4.—Adelone—Gibraltar Gold Mining Company floated in London, October 1895, Capital £100,000 fully subscribed.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
GENERAL MANAGERS,
HONGKONG.

Intimations.

"HOW IT'S DONE."

TO MANY IT IS A PUZZLE HOW WE CAN SELL AT A CHEAPER RATE THAN OTHERS.

THE ANSWER IS VERY SIMPLE.

GOOD VALUE.

REGULAR QUALITY.

POPULAR PRICES.

TRY PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP.

WATKINS & CO.,

APOTHECARIES' HALL, 66, Queen's Road Central,
HONGKONG.

To-day's
Advertisement.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED AND REDUCED.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Steamer "HONAM" (Weather Permitting) will make a Special Cheap Excursion Trip to MACAO next SUNDAY, the 12th instant.

Hours of departure:—From HONGKONG at 9 A.M. and returning will leave MACAO at 10 P.M.

A FANCY FAIR is announced to commence at 3 P.M.

Fare there and back \$2. No Single or Second Class fares.

TICKETS obtainable at the COMPANY'S OFFICE or on board the Steamer before she leaves.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary,

Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [105]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 20th day of January, at NOON, for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14 to 21st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [103]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1896, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY the 15th to THURSDAY the 23rd January, 1896, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOPPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [104]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR NAGASAKI.

THE Steamship

"KWEIYANG."

Captain Dawson, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [105]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"CHIHLI."

Captain Anderson, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [105]

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR WUHU.

THE Steamship

"SINGAN."

Captain Price, will be despatched TO-MORROW,

the 10th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1896.

TO-MORROW afternoon the Colts will meet the Kowloon Club in the third round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Cup Competition. The following will play for the Colts—Hillock, goal; Bligham and Goddard, full backs; F. Lammert, C. Kew and Fullock, halves; Rose, Kennett, Slaney, F. Kew and Poole, forwards; Stepan and Henderson, reserves. Referee—Mr. J. N. L. Oliver.

At the quarterly meeting of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce on the 2nd December, the scheme of the Chamber for despatching a mission to China for opening up new markets for English trade in China was further considered. The president said the proposal had met with general approval throughout the country, and he hoped it would be carried to a practical issue. It was resolved to communicate with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs asking him to receive a deputation with a view of discussing the best means of carrying out the enterprise.

On the 30th December a telegram was received at Singapore announcing the death at Alexandria of Brother Abban, the Inspector of the Christian Brothers' Schools in Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and Rangoon. He was an English Canadian, and for five years, from 1883, was director at Hongkong, until promoted. This year says the *Straits Times*, he spent much of his time at Singapore, and it is said to be due to his influence and exertions that St. Joseph's Institution at present possesses a staff of thirteen English and Irish Brothers. He left Singapore on the 16th July last for Colombo, where he stayed till the latter end of October, and he arrived at Alexandria on the 22nd November. He was a strict educationalist, and it was his intention to make Singapore the headquarters of the Christian Brothers in the Far East.

AS was to a certain extent foreshadowed in the remarks of the Chief Justice and Palace Judge on the 4th inst., when dismissing an appeal in the Peal Robbery case, Lam Kam-to, who was found guilty by a common jury of having stolen certain jewellery and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, has been liberated by his Excellency the Governor on the recommendation of his Honour Mr. Justice Wise (before whom he was tried) supported by the Chief Justice, who had perused the depositions in both cases. It will be remembered that at the trial Lam Kam-to was not represented by Counsel, but very shortly afterwards the case was put into the hands of Mr. K. W. Mooney, who soon found sufficient evidence to assure him that his client was not the guilty party, and in order to prove this by the quickest means he instituted proceedings against the woman who had actually pawned the jewels. This being conclusively proved, the release of Lam Kam-to followed as a matter of course.

THUS the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 4th instant—“We regret to state that within the last few days there have been a number of very serious cases of small-pox amongst the foreign residents, several of which have ended fatally. The disease is of the most virulent nature, and it has been imported into the Settlements from the native city, where, we learn, large numbers of Chinese are dying daily from it. There are at present ten cases in the hospital, and there were two deaths to-day. It is stated that in four of the cases, of a man and wife and two children, the disease was contracted in the hospital itself, and if this should be correct it but emphasizes the fact that future patients should be immediately isolated at Rantung in the wards erected there originally for plague patients. If they are now in existence. Since the above was written, we are aware that four persons contracted the disease in the hospital.”

OLIVERS FIREHOLES MINES, LIMITEE, is the head-line under which we publish a prospectus on the second page of this issue. The Company has taken over Olivers 100-acre fireholed and other properties adjacent thereto for \$10,000. The capital, \$300,000, is divided into 15,000 “A” or Vendor shares, and 47,000 “B” or ordinary shares of \$5 each, of which 13,750 “A” shares and 5000 “B” shares have been allotted, and 1,350 “A” shares and 25,000 “B” shares are now offered for subscription. The well-known firm of John D. Humphreys & Son are the General Managers, and the Co.’s bankers are the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Applications for shares, accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per share, must be sent in to the Co.’s bankers at the Head Office on or before the 15th instant. Attached to the prospectus is a very interesting report on Olivers Fireholes drawn up by Mr. J. D. Humphreys, who has personally inspected the mine and is therefore able to testify what he knows, not what he may have gathered second hand.

PARIS, December 4th.—A brutal scene took place this evening in the Cirque d’Hiver on the Boulevard des Filles de Calvaires. A wrestling match was arranged between Turkish performers, Youseff and Kara Amer; but after an hour’s struggle it was clear the men were losing their tempers. Ultimately one violently thrust his fingers in the nose of his adversary, and attempted to suffocate him. Thereupon the audience invaded the ring and stopped the scene, and, in addition, summoned the police. The latter cleared the building and arrested both wrestlers at the same time prohibiting any further exhibition of the kind.

ROME, December 4th.—The Pope has decided, with a view to terminating the present friction existing between the Austrian Court and the Vatican on the subject of the Papal representative at Vienna, to decree an exchange of Nunciatures between Msgr. Aglardi and Msgr. Ferrati, the Nuncio at Paris.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.—LONDON, December 6th.

The following appointments were yesterday notified at the Admiralty:—Chaplains: Rev. S. Wood, M.A., to the *Majestic*; Rev. R. S. Harley, to the *Magnificent*; Rev. Cecil Archer, M.A., to the *Empress of India*. Naval Instructors: William Healey, to the *Majestic*; Edward Brathwaite, to the *Magnificent*; Basil S. Hartley, to the *Empress of India*. Staff Engineer: Joseph Langmaid, to the *Flora*. Captain: William R. App, to the *Victory* (additional for the tender *Brisa*); John E. Vilbert, to the *Flora*; Robert B. Ayres, to the *Pelican* (additional for recommission); Charles J. Hay, to the *Research*; Charles Stevens, to *Australia*. Assistant Engineers: George H. Stalman, to *Malabar*; W. A. Dalton, to the *Partridge*; F. S. Cox, to the *Helen*. Assistant Engineers for temporary service:—J. A. Anderson, to the *Australia*; J. D. W. Crawley, to the *Northampton*. Carpenter: Thomas H. Silderton, to the *Tamar* (additional for the *Wiven*).

It is announced that a new Russian gunboat of 965 tons is to be begun as a *stationnaire* on the Chinese rivers, together with two more new cruisers and two torpedo-boats. These are to be at the various yards on the Neva.

The first-class cruisers *Immortal* and *Narcissus*, sister ships of 5,600 tons, under the command of Captain Ling and Hamilton, left Devonport on the 3rd inst. for the China station. The former will relieve the second-class cruiser *Mercury*, 3,720 tons, and the latter the third-class cruiser *Caroline*, 1,420 tons, thus considerably strengthening the China squadron. Before leaving Devonport a draft of nearly 50 seamen, marines and boys was embarked on the *Narcissus* and *Immortal* for conveyance to China to fill vacancies caused by the disaster to the *Edgar*’s launch.

The Mediterranean command becomes vacant next June. The *Naval and Military Record* says that it will be offered to Lord Walter Kerr; but that officer will then have been only a year in the Channel, and he is, moreover, bound to several offices who appear to have at least equal

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, December 6th.

A batch of promotions and transfers in the Consular Service in China, to fill vacancies caused by some recent retirements, may be looked for shortly.

Amongst the passengers by the last homeward French mail was General Doukouevski, the Governor of the Amoor district, accompanied by his wife and Colonel Serebrov.

At Aldershot, on 3rd inst., the Duke of Connaught inspected the Special Service Corps for Asians, which is under command of Colonel the Hon. F. W. Stopford. His Royal Highness expressed satisfaction with the soldierly bearing of the men, and said that he should see them again in say good-bye before they embark for Asia.

Miss Singleton, step-daughter of Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador to Constantinople, was married on 30th November at the British Embassy there to Baron de Groot, First Secretary of the Belgian Legation. A correspondent states that all the Ambassadors and persons of distinction in the capital were present at the ceremony. The Sultan has presented the bride with a diamond bracelet.

The question of filling the vacancy of British Minister at Peking, caused by the promotion of Sir Nicholas O’Conor, who is expected home in a fortnight, has not yet been settled. Meantime, Mr. Beauchler remains as *Charge d’affaires* and may be trusted to carry out the orders of the Foreign Office which at the present time are not likely to be suggestions or representations to the Chinese, but demands that will have to be met.

The Chinese Minister, who has for some time been confined to the Legation in Portland-place through indisposition, is reported to be no better, and is still unable to leave his bed.

Two English missionaries, Mr. Johnson and his wife, of the Friends’ Mission at Ariveniamo, in Madagascar, have been murdered by a mob of natives. Miss Clark, a lady who was with the Johnsons, and their six-year-old child, escaped. Further attacks on mission stations are apprehended.

A Chinaman named John Callon, who had been the cook on board the British ship *Croesus*, was charged at the Thames Police-court the 3rd inst., with having murdered the steward on the said ship. The evidence for the prosecution was not given, but the statement made by the prisoner when he was apprehended was interpreted by a missionary. His story was that he acted in self-defence. The prisoner was remanded.

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A Past Master’s Jewel was presented to W. Bro. W. Makepeace, Manager of the *Singapore Free Press*.

At the banquet which followed the installation many visitors were present, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

claims. One of these, Sir Frederick Richards, will succeed Sir Algernon Lyons at Devonport; another, Sir John Hookins, will succeed Sir F. Richards at the Admiralty. There remain for consideration the names of Fremantle, F. C. B. Robinson, and Hobart, all vice-Admirals and all senior to Lord Walter Kerr.

In the opinion of most naval men at Portsmouth the Russian cruiser *Rurik*, though undoubtedly a fine and powerful vessel, has many grave defects. The most serious of these is the weak disposition of her armament. In the *Rurik* the 3in. guns are mounted in sponsons at the side, and each gun has, therefore, a necessarily restricted zone of fire. The 6in. guns have only the bulwarks for protection, all the side armour being at the water-line.

The Commander-in-Chief has issued an order to the effect that in future troops on home service are to be practised at least twice a week in route marching between Oct. 15th and March 15th.

The marches are to be progressive, beginning with nine miles in October and gradually increasing to sixteen miles in January. They are to be made in marching order; but commanding officers will carefully observe their effect on young soldiers, especially as regards carrying the valise. All officers present with their battalions are to take part in these marches, which are to be combined with some tactical exercises, so as to render the work effective and instructive. At the close of the route marching season, whatever may be the state of the weather, all officers and men will march fifteen miles a day for six consecutive days.

On the 5th December the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company launched from their yard at Govan the *Diana*, a second-class cruiser, built for the British Navy. The *Diana* is 350 ft. long by 54 ft. broad and has a displacement of 5,600 tons.

MASONIC NOTES.

UNITED STATES VICE LODGE.

At the regular meeting of the United Service Lodge, No. 1,441, E.C., held in the Masonic Hall last night, Wos. Bro. W. C. H. Hastings was installed as Master by R.W.M. Hon. C. P. Chater, D.G.M. of Hongkong and South China, assisted by the officers of the D. G. Lodge. In addition to the District Grand Lodge officers and a large number of members of the United Service Lodge, a number of visiting Brethren were present, including R.W. Bro. General Black, P.D.G.M. of Gibraltar. After the installation, the Lodge passed into the dining room, where a friendly social gathering took place.

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PARIS, December 4th.

A brutal scene took place this evening in the Cirque d’Hiver on the Boulevard des Filles de Calvaires. A wrestling match was arranged between Turkish performers, Youseff and Kara Amer; but after an hour’s struggle it was clear the men were losing their tempers. Ultimately one violently thrust his fingers in the nose of his adversary, and attempted to suffocate him. Thereupon the audience invaded the ring and stopped the scene, and, in addition, summoned the police. The latter cleared the building and arrested both wrestlers at the same time prohibiting any further exhibition of the kind.

ROME, December 4th.—The Pope has decided, with a view to terminating the present friction existing between the Austrian Court and the Vatican on the subject of the Papal representative at Vienna, to decree an exchange of Nunciatures between Msgr. Aglardi and Msgr. Ferrati, the Nuncio at Paris.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.—LONDON, December 6th.

The following appointments were yesterday notified at the Admiralty:—Chaplains: Rev. S. Wood, M.A., to the *Majestic*; Rev. R. S. Harley, to the *Magnificent*; Rev. Cecil Archer, M.A., to the *Empress of India*. Naval Instructors: William Healey, to the *Majestic*; Edward Brathwaite, to the *Magnificent*; Basil S. Hartley, to the *Empress of India*. Staff Engineer: Joseph Langmaid, to the *Flora*. Captain: William R. App, to the *Victory* (additional for the tender *Brisa*); John E. Vilbert, to the *Flora*; Robert B. Ayres, to the *Pelican* (additional for recommission); Charles J. Hay, to the *Research*; Charles Stevens, to *Australia*. Assistant Engineers: George H. Stalman, to *Malabar*; W. A. Dalton, to the *Partridge*; F. S. Cox, to the *Helen*. Assistant Engineers for temporary service:—J. A. Anderson, to the *Australia*; J. D. W. Crawley, to the *Northampton*. Carpenter: Thomas H. Silderton, to the *Tamar* (additional for the *Wiven*).

It is announced that a new Russian gunboat of 965 tons is to be begun as a *stationnaire* on the Chinese rivers, together with two more new cruisers and two torpedo-boats. These are to be at the various yards on the Neva.

The first-class cruisers *Immortal* and *Narcissus*, sister ships of 5,600 tons, under the command of Captain Ling and Hamilton, left Devonport on the 3rd inst. for the China station. The former will relieve the second-class cruiser *Mercury*, 3,720 tons, and the latter the third-class cruiser *Caroline*, 1,420 tons, thus considerably strengthening the China squadron. Before leaving Devonport a draft of nearly 50 seamen, marines and boys was embarked on the *Narcissus* and *Immortal* for conveyance to China to fill vacancies caused by the disaster to the *Edgar*’s launch.

The Mediterranean command becomes vacant next June. The *Naval and Military Record* says that it will be offered to Lord Walter Kerr; but that officer will then have been only a year in the Channel, and he is, moreover, bound to several offices who appear to have at least equal

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